

Dear FCC,

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But in the upcoming week, when large companies such as Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something suffocating the American people, it's more important that we see facts that have been tested and more substantive news about issues that matter. American people should not receive communications based on premature filming or from ill-informed sources. That is a slap in the face to our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. They need to be stopped and their license revoked if they cannot follow the Federal Communication guidelines that the American people have always known and put their faith in. Please do the right thing for America to strengthen our democracy and stop Sinclair from this very dangerous mistake that they are undertaking. Thank you.

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